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July 21, 2020

The Honorable Randy Weber
U.S. House of Representatives
1708 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Weber:

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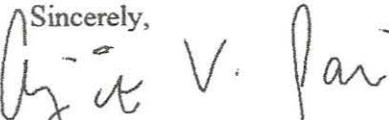
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The Honorable Brian Babin
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316 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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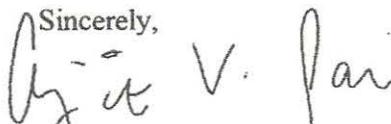
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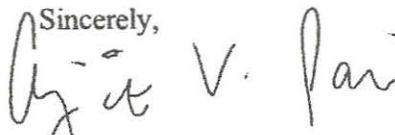
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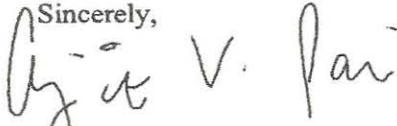
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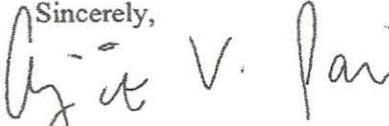
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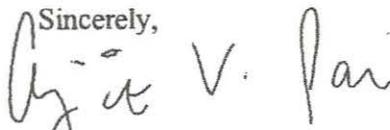
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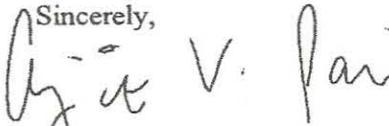
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